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WASHINGTON (AP) - Adm. Stansfield Turner; President Carter's second choice to head the Central Intelligence Agency; may face tough questioning from senators who would prefer a civilian in the job; but the nomination appears in no danger.

Both Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd; D-W.Va.; and Minority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr.; R-Tenn.; said after Carter made the nomination Monday that they knew of no strong opposition to Turner.

No date has been set for hearings before the Senate Intelligence Committee on Turner; now commander-in-chief of Allied Forces in southern Europe. Carter's first choice for the CIA post; Theodore Sorensen; withdrew from consideration in the face of strong Senate opposition; particularly among conservatives.

Another Carter nominee; Paul Warnke; named head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; was starting the confirmation process today. He was certain to undergo detailed and hostile questioning from senators opposed to what they consider his dovish views on arms development.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has jurisdiction over the Warnke nomination; but the Armed Services Committee may also ask him to appear before it.

Sen. Gary Hart; D-Colo.; a member of the Armed Services panel; said he expects Warnke to win confirmation although some senators will oppose him on the floor. ''I think he'll be approved close to unanimously in Foreign Relations;'' Hart said.

Sens. Henry Jackson; D-Wash.; and Sam Nunn; D-Ga.; are among the Armed Services panel members who have expressed reservations about Warnke.

Baker; who met briefly with Warnke on Monday; said he thought the Warnke nomination was ''in some trouble; but not grave trouble at the present time.''

Baker; a critic of the Sorensen nomination; also met with Turner and later told reporters ''my impression of Adm. Turner is very favorable.'' Baker said he told Turner the Senate ''will examine the nomination very carefully;'' and also that he has ''no predisposition to oppose him.''

Hart said he met Turner last summer on an Armed Services Committee trip and ''I found him very impressive with extremely good credentials.'' But Hart added he is ''concerned about a military man heading up an agency designed to be independent of the military.''

As a result; Hart said he planned to question Turner when the admiral appears before the Intelligence Committee but he doubts he would oppose the nomination solely on that ground.

An aide to Sen. Joseph Biden Jr.; D-Del.; also an Intelligence Committee member; said Biden was starting out ''favorably disposed'' toward the nomination; but knows very little about Turner and is awaiting the hearings before making any final decision.

Turner; 53; and Carter both graduated from the Naval Academy in 1946; but did not know each other at the academy. Turner was a Rhodes Scholar who ranked 25th academically in a cass of 820. Carter ranked 59th.

Asked why the president chose Turner; White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said; ''The major reason is (Carter's) feeling this is a person who has his complete trust.''
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